

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1482
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STATUS PAPER ON JUTE
RAM SHAKAL

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have decided to bring diversification in the products;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any status paper is being prepared with regard to all aspects of this sector, particularly the marketing of raw jute and the role of Jute Corporation of India; and
- (d) if so, the time by which the said status paper is likely to be published and the details thereof ?

Answer

(SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN) MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The Government has undertaken several initiatives to bring diversification in jute sector. The measures in this direction include creation of a Special Jute Development Fund (SJDF) under which several projects with UNDP assistance have been taken up for development of diversified jute goods. A National Centre for Jute Diversification has been set up to encourage entrepreneurs take up production and marketing of diversified jute goods.

(c) & (d) The government is presently engaged in the formulation of a proposal 'JUTE TECHNOLOGY MISSION' on the lines of Cotton Technology Mission to address the issue of the productivity, income of jute farmers, research on high yielding varieties, transfer of technology, improving productivity in the manufacturing sector, diversification of jute products and marketing.